Workshop on education update

8404. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Workshop on Education Update, 1995 was organised at New Delhi in recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof with objectives and its organisers;

(c) whether the workshop was attended by leading educationists from voluntary and non-voluntary organisations;

(d) whether some issues were discused in the wokshop;

(e) whether some suggestions were also made in the workshop on educational programmes;

(f) whether Government propose to take some steps to implement the suggestions made in the workshop; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA): (a) to (g) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Degree course in Korean Language in JNU

8405. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jawaharlal Nehru University proposes to start three year degree course in Korean langauge from academic session of current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, with formalities and eligibilities fixed for the same;

(c) whether with the introduction of degree course in foreign language, some objectives will be achieved;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether degree course in other foreign languages has been undertaken by some other Universities of the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof with future of such courses?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA) (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the Jawaharlal Nehru University, a decision has been taken by the University to start a 3-year degree course in Korean language from the ensuring academic sesssion. The admissions to the said course are to be offered on the basis of entrance examination conducted by the University throughout the country each year. Candidates with 45% marks in Sr. School Certificate (10+2) or equivalent examination are eligible for the same. However, no percentage of marks in the qualifying examination is prescribed for SC/ST and physically handicapped candidates.

(c) and (d) According to JNU, introduction of BA programme in Korean language has been done to meet the growing demand for Indian experts with a sound knowledge of Korean language in view of the rapidly expanding economic and commercial relations between India and Korea as well as Korea's socio-economic and technological transformation in recent years.